

a1 means for compositing the modified indicia image with the image of the Karaoke performer to provide an output video image for display on a video display.

3. (Amended) A Karaoke system as in claim 1, wherein the means for compositing overlays the modified indicia image on the image of the Karaoke performer.

a2 4. (Amended) A Karaoke system as in claim 1, wherein the means for downscaling removes the background image in the indicia image completely.

9. (Amended) A Karaoke video image processing device comprising:
a first video input for receiving from a Karaoke medium player an indicia image associated with a song being played back, the indicia image comprising images of words of the song embedded in a background image;
a second video input for receiving a second video image from a second external video source;
an electronic circuit having components to downscale and reposition the indicia image and removing a portion of the background image from the indicia image to provide a modified indicia image and to composite the modified indicia image with the second video image to form an output video image for display on a video display.

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10. (Amended) A Karaoke video image processing device as in claim 9, wherein the electronic circuit overlays the modified indicia image on the second video image to form the output video image.

11. (Amended) A Karaoke video image processing device as in claim 10, wherein the electronic circuit removes the background image in indicia image completely.

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12. (Amended) A Karaoke medium player comprising:
a reader for retrieving data from a Karaoke medium, the data comprising audio data and an indicia image comprising images of words of a song embedded in a background image;
an external video input for receiving an external video image;
a video processing circuit having components for downscaling and repositioning the indicia image and removing a portion of the background image in the indicia image to form a modified indicia image, and combining the modified indicia image with the external video image to form an output video image for display on a video display;
an audio processor for processing the audio data to provide an output audio signal; and
an audio output for outputting the output audio signal.

13. (Amended) A Karaoke medium player as in claim 12, wherein the video processing circuit removes the background image of the indicia image completely.

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15. (Amended) A Karaoke medium player as in claim 14, wherein the video processing circuit includes a CD+G decoder for compositing the modified indicia image with the external video image.

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18. (Amended) A method of generating video images for Karaoke applications, comprising the steps of:
capturing a video image of a Karaoke performer;